

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Beaufort County School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 19,350**
Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale
Board Chair: Fred Washington

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2008	Below Average	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	12	5	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PASS

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	70.7%	66.9%	63.8%	68.2%	67.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	76.1%	73.8%	70.0%	74.0%	73.0%
Average District	73.6%	70.5%	67.4%	72.2%	70.2%

PASS	2009 Reading	2009 Math	2009 Science	2009 Social Studies	2009 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	32.8%	25.2%	15.0%	22.6%	28.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	37.7%	31.6%	20.0%	30.3%	32.6%
Average District	35.2%	28.8%	18.8%	28.5%	29.8%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	71.1%	15.5%	13.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.6%	11.6%	9.8%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2009 (%)

District	92.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	95.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	54.7
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.6

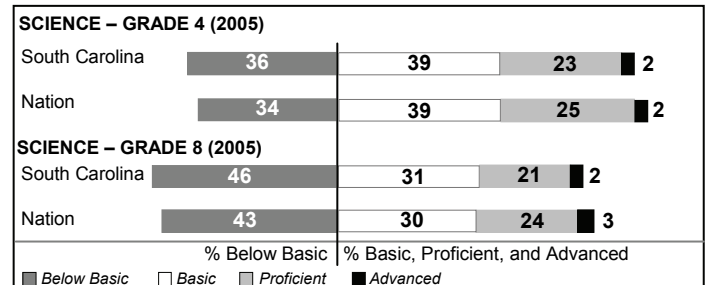
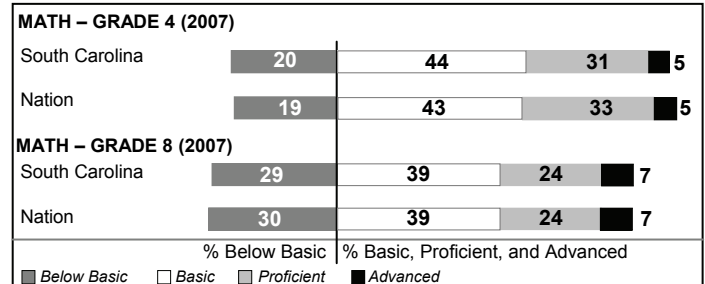
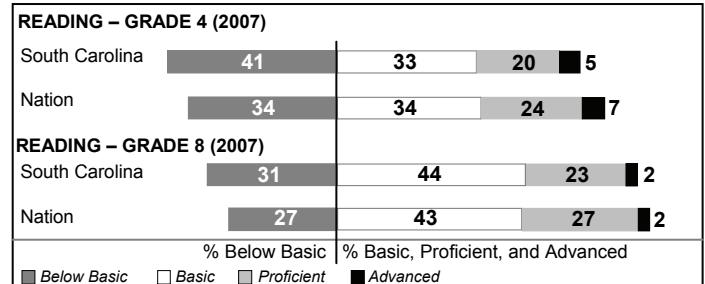
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	69.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.6%

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NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=19,350)				
Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 3.6%	2.6%	3.1%
Attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.6%	96.1%	95.7%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.1%	Up from 16.6%	16.5%	11.2%
With disabilities other than speech	7.8%	Down from 8.2%	10.0%	10.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.0%	Down from 3.4%	3.0%	4.3%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.7%	Down from 3.0%	0.5%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	36.8%	Up from 29.6%	18.7%	10.5%
Successful on AP/IB exams	51.0%	N/A	51.9%	51.2%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.9%	Down from 33.0%	35.5%	30.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	86	Down from 110	71	40
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	83	Down from 100	61	30
Annual dropout rate	2.0%	Up from 1.6%	3.8%	3.4%
Teachers (n=1,397)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.0%	Down from 60.3%	59.0%	56.8%
Continuing contract teachers	70.4%	Up from 68.3%	78.3%	76.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.7%	Down from 4.7%	3.0%	4.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	Down from 88.9%	90.1%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.4%	95.5%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,757	Up 2.0%	\$47,842	\$46,992
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.6%	Down from 0.7%	0.0%	0.4%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.6%	Down from 5.9%	0.8%	2.3%
Professional development days/teacher	15.8 days	Down from 16.7 days	12.8 days	13.1 days
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Up from 19.9 to 1	21.2 to 1	20.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.4%	90.4%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,935	Up 3.3%	\$8,589	\$9,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.1%	Up from 53.1%	55.8%	52.7%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Up from 56.0%	58.4%	56.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	28	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	11.8%	Up from 9.9%	3.9%	3.5%
Average age in years of school facilities	17 Years	Up from 16 Years	24 Years	28 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	10.0	Down from 13.0	13.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	93.1%	N/A	95.1%	93.9%
Average administrator salary	\$76,939	Up 4.3%	\$78,992	\$79,261
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	81.8%	Up from 69.7%	90.9%	85.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Beaufort County School District Family,

We are pleased to share with you the strong, steady student achievement gains that characterize Beaufort County Schools. Despite the district being in "corrective action," the State Report Card tells a story of ever-increasing improvement. The district's rating was below average in 2006, average in 2007, and good in 2008. Beaufort County schools are making steady improvement even as State criteria become more stringent. Seven schools increased more than one rating level in Growth Rating, and three schools earned a Growth Rating of Excellent.

To further underscore our schools' steady progress, twelve Beaufort County schools were named Palmetto Gold and Silver Award recipients, an increase over eight awards in 2007-08. Three of Beaufort County's high schools were Palmetto Gold recipients, and the fourth received a Palmetto Silver. Moreover, Beaufort middle schools reported a fifty percent increase in the number of academically gifted and talented Junior Scholars over the previous year. In 2007-08, 88 Junior Scholars were named, and in 2008-09, 132 Junior Scholars.

Individual school achievements include:

- Battery Creek High School received certification as a "Project Lead the Way" school. Project Lead the Way is an innovative program designed to address the critical shortage of engineers and engineering technologists.

- Beaufort Middle School, chosen by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to participate in its On Location: Spotlight on Your Community Program, introduced a program that helps students tell the story of the arts in their community

- H.E. McCracken Middle School was recognized by the SC Association for Educational Technology (SCAET) for its innovative technology program, Web Media Productions.

- Hilton Head Island Middle School students placed third in the Fall 2008 Model UN Conference out of seventeen schools at the conference.

- Bluffton Elementary School and Mossy Oaks Elementary School students achieved the highest honors in the national language arts competition, WordMasters Challenge. Competing against over 230,000 students nationwide, several Beaufort County students achieved perfect scores and ranked in the top 100 for their grade level.

Two administrations received statewide recognition. Ms. Carole Ingram of Beaufort Middle School was named South Carolina's middle level principal of the year. Ms. Jennifer Morillo of Lady's Island Middle, was named South Carolina's middle level assistant principal of the year.

We appreciate Beaufort County citizens' steadfast support for increased student achievement and success. On behalf of the young people we serve, we thank you. Working together, we can achieve our goal of building a community in which Learning Leads the Way.

Sincerely, Valerie Truesdale, Ph. D. Superintendent